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Past Member, American Bar Association Law School Accreditation Team (1988). Formerly Contributing Editor on Family Law for the South Carolina Educational Television Network;

Member, South Carolina Bar Judicial Modernization Committee. Formerly one of five original appointees by the S.C. Supreme Court on Family Law Specialization Advisory Board;

Former Chairman of the Family Law Section of the S.C. Bar.

Former Chairman of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Family Law Section. Program Participant, "Negotiations" American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1983;

Producer-Moderator of the First Family law CLE program in South Carolina (1975) at the request of the SC Supreme Court;

Former member, Long Range Planning Committee and Scope and Correlation Committee, ABA Family Law Section;

Former Public Information Representative, ABA Family Law Section;

Frequent Family Law Faculty at: ABA National Institutes, Annual and mid-winter conventions and S.C. Mandatory Judicial C.L.E. programs. Frequent Lecturer on Family Law at USC College of Law, USC College of General Studies, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, CLE program speaker in: Atlanta, Connecticut, D.C., Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin Bar Association programs. Past Chairman of the Paternity Committee of the ABA, Family Law Section (1978-1981).

Recipient of the 1978 "Certificate of Outstanding Contribution" of ABA Family Law Section;

Participant, with Lawrence Stotter, Esq., in the "Great Custody Debate of 1980" presented by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, Illinois;

Former Special Judge appointee in Richland County, S.C. Juvenile-Domestic Relations Courts, County Civil Jury Courts, County Criminal Jury Courts (1965-1975);

Elected to the Debate Hall of Fame, University of South Carolina (1977);

Former Editor in Chief, S.C. Law Quarterly (1954);

Elected to Order of Wig and Robe. Legal Scholarship Society (1954);

Former Drama Critic, the State Newspaper, Columbia, South Carolina (1983-1987);

Past President, Congregation Beth Shalom, Columbia, S.C. (Two terms);

Co-Founder and Director, Workshop Theatre of South Carolina (1965-1981);

Co-Founder of Columbia City Ballet Company, Columbia, South Carolina (1962), Board of Directors (1962-1988).

U.S. Air Force Korean Combat Zone (1950-1952).

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGRET MERGELMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margret Mergelman, a dedicated leader and 4-H activist from Gunnison, Colorado. For over sixty-four years, Margret has volunteered to better her community, and I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her service.

Margret earned her elementary education degree in 1943 from Western State College

and that same year married Warren Mergelman, whose family has ranched the Gunnison area for generations. Margret accompanied her husband on the long cattle drives for local area ranchers. After the couple started a family she focused her attention on homemaking skills, especially cooking. When the kids became active in 4-H, she started a cooking club, in addition to sewing, gardening, and square-dancing clubs. She herself was a 4-H leader for ten years. Margret's cooking is legendary and her open-house lunch after the Cattlemen's Days parade has drawn more than one hundred people in the past. Today Margret is still active in the rural community, donating cash gifts to the local 4-H and annually sponsoring the Mergelman Family Award to competitors of the Round Robin Showmanship. She has also been a member of the Eastern Star for sixty-two years.

Mr. Speaker, Margret Mergelman, is a dedicated individual who devotes her free time to aiding members of her Gunnison community and works to preserve Colorado's western style and heritage. Her level of enthusiasm and commitment is commendable and I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a selfless and benevolent woman. Thanks for all your service Margret, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR REBECCA AARONSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a constituent in the 6th District of New Jersey. It is with great pleasure that I introduce my friend, the Honorable Rebecca Aaronson, Deputy Mayor of Manalapan, N.J., who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Rebecca Aaronson was born in Laredo, Texas to Mexican parents. Her father was born in Monterrey, Mexico and her mother was born in Mexico City, D.F. She grew up in El Paso, Texas and attended the University of Texas at El Paso for one year. Rebecca met and married Richard Aaronson in 1972. She is the proud mother of two sons, Scott, 27 years old, who recently married Julie, and Glenn, 22 years old, a senior at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

Rebecca returned to school and graduated from Brookdale Community College in 1997 with an Associates Degree in Humanities. She volunteered at the Women's Center of Monmouth County (now 180) in the shelter program for victims of domestic violence. She became involved with the community because she always felt that no one has the right to complain if they are not willing to do something about it. She was concerned with the over-development of her town, Manalapan, and felt that the builders, not the Planning Board, were making all of the decisions.

In 2002, she was elected Mayor of Manalapan Township. Presently, she is in her second term and serves as Deputy Mayor. In 2001 she was the Democratic candidate for

Monmouth County Freeholder. Presently she serves as the Vice Chair of Monmouth County Democrats.

She believes that she and her colleagues have made a difference in Manalapan. Her philosophy has always been that we are all obligated to leave our mark somehow and politics has given her the opportunity to do so. She carries that philosophy to her personal life and is always seeking a way of making a difference in people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing Deputy Mayor Rebecca Aaronson, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her unfaltering dedication to the Latino community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI LEVIN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take the time to recognize Rabbi Moshe Levin, the spiritual leader of Congregation Ner Tamid in the Sunset, San Francisco. Rabbi Levin is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his contributions to worker justice and worker rights.

Rabbi Levin came from San Francisco to San Diego, where he served as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla for 15 years. Two years ago, he was named Rabbi Emeritus of that prestigious congregation, and began commuting to San Francisco to serve the people of Ner Tamid.

Rabbi Levin was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the central pillar of Conservative Judaism in the United States. He served as an Air Force chaplain for the first 2 years of his rabbinical career, and was stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. His pulpit experience spanned 30 years, including 2 years on the Island of Curacao in the Dutch West Indies.

Rabbi Levin was born in Brooklyn, NY, graduated from Brooklyn College and spent 2 years at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, majoring in economics and philosophy, and studying the Bible with the famed Nehama Leibowitz and archeology with Yigal Yadin. At the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Levin was privileged to study with such giants of the last century as Abraham Joshua Heschel and Chancellor Louis Finkelstein.

Over the course of his career, Rabbi Moshe Levin has been active in Zionist causes, social action projects, interfaith activities, as well as furthering the creative continuity of American Jewish life. He is a founding member of the Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue of San Diego, which has been featured in the Christian Science Monitor, and has served on numerous boards, most recently the American Jewish Committee and the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice. In 1992, he was named Civil Libertarian of the Year by the San Diego and Imperial Chapters of the ACLU.

Rabbi Levin's writings include: the Ethical Orgins of Kashrut, Near- Eastern Birthrights and the Eassau Jacob Narrative, Sexuality in Jewish Law and Tradition, and the Rabbinate for the 21st Century. It is a privilege to honor Rabbi Moshe Levin.